

Since wireless access and connectivity have become so prevalent in many areas, it is disheartening to know that my school system, Alcoa City Schools has to struggle to provide the needed bandwidth so that our students and staff can access the same content inside our buildings as they can outside. Our current network often struggles to provide the speed our users need to stream video to make historical events come alive or to see scientific processes play out in real life. Our staff is asked to collect and analyze data to provide targeted instruction for our students on a daily basis. Access to more broadband would assure that this data is readily available. I urge you to support increased funding for E-rate. I can assure you that this funding has a direct and life-changing impact on our students.